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SUBJECT: (U) ITALY-IRAQ NUCLEAR TRANSFERS: AFTERMATH OF THE ISRAELI RAID
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1. (U) ITALIAN MFA HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: WITH REGARD TO THE INFORMATION DISSEMINATED BY AUTHORITATIVE AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHED ALSO BY THE ITALIAN PRESS, CONCERNING SOME SCIENTIFIC LABORATORIES FURNISHED TO IRAQ BY ITALY - THESE ARE OLD AND RECURRING ARGUMENTS. THEY ARE NOW USED TO JUSTIFY THE ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQ.

THE FIVE ITALIAN LABORATORIES DESTINED FOR IRAQ ARE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE FACT THAT THEY ARE BEING FURNISHED (TO IRAQ) IS NOT ONLY IREPROACHABLE ACCORDING

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TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY BUT ACTUALLY CONFORMS TO THE PURPOSES OF THE TREATY'S ARTICLE 4, SINCE THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE IS TO FACILITATE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WHILE TRYING TO PREVENT PROLIFERATION FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. THERE ARE NO POSSIBLE DOUBTS ON THIS POINT AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ITSELF RECOGNIZED THIS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IRAQ, UNLIKE ISRAEL, SIGNED THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND OPENED ITS TERRITORY, AND THEREFORE ALSO THE LABORATORIES FURNISHED BY ITALY, TO INSPECTIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE. THE FUEL FURNISHED BY ITALY TO BE USED IN THE LABORATORIES CANNOT BE USED, BECAUSE OF IT QUANTITY AND QUALITY, FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH IT IS BEING SUPPLIED.

ALL THIS IS PERFECTLY KNOWN IN ISRAEL AND ELSEWHERE. IF,

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IN SPITE OF THIS FACT, SUCH OLD ARGUMENTS ARE STILL BEING USED EVEN AT THE HIGHEST ISRAELI POLITICAL LEVELS, THE REASON THEREFORE IS THE NEED TO JUSTIFY, FOR INTERNAL AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES, AN INADMISSIBLE ACTION. UNQUOTE

2. (C) COMMENT: [redacted] B-1

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